THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (d) Data in respect of reluctance of witnessess to testify on account of intimidation though highlighted off and on, is not maintained. The Law Commission of India in its 198th Report on 'Witness Identity Protection and Witness Protection Programme' has suggested comprehensive review of witness protection. Since, Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure are on the Concurrent List of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India this requires consultation with State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. The Report has been referred to all the State Government and Union Territories Administrator for their comments/views. No time frame can be fixed in this regard.

Pending cases of pension to freedom fighters

2075. SHRI PENUMALLIMADHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

the total number of pending cases for sanction of pension to the freedom fighters;

the proposals to sanction these pensions;

since many people have died and only a few are at the end of their lives, whether Government is taking any steps to speed up the process; and

if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIK RAO GAVIT): (a) to (d) Receipt and disposal of applications for grant of freedom Fighters' pension is a continuing process. No record of applications, which are received directly from the applicants or without verification reports of the State Governments, is maintained. However, 256 applications, which have been received through the State Governments with their verification reports, were under process as on 29th February, 2008. In addition, 355 cases pertaining to Goa Liberation Movement (Phase-II) were also under process as on 29th February, 2008. Effects are made to dispose off such cases expeditiously.

Compulsory hoisting of national flag in educational institutes

†2076. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

whether Government is considering to enact any law which would bind all educational institutes of the country to hoist National Flag on Independence day and Republic day;

if so, the details thereof; and

if not, whether Government intends to bring such proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIK RAO GAVIT): (a) No, Sir.

Does not arise.

No such proposal is under consideration of the Government at present.

Sanctioned strength of state police forces

†2077. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: (a)

the sanctioned strength of State Police forces in various States;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

the unfilled vacancies in these forces at present;

the action taken to fill up such vacancies;

the present ratio of Police and population in the country; and

the present ratio of Police and population in our neighbouring countries as well as in developed countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) As the "Police" and "law & order" are State subjects as per the VII Schedule to the Constitution of India, it is for concerned State Government(s) to adequately equip its police forces in terms of manpower and support infrastructure. As per available information, the details of sanctioned and actual strength of police personnel in various States, as on 31.12.2006, is enclosed as Statement-I *(See* below) and the details of police population ratio in India as well as in other countries is enclosed as Statement-II.

Statement-I

Details of sanctioned and actual strength of police personnel in various states as on 31.12.2006

(as on 31.12.2006)

SI.No	States/UTs	Total Sanctioned Strength	Total Actual Strength
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	87431	79296
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	6301	5442
3.	Assam	55947	52049
4.	Bihar	74512	51623
5.	Chhattisgarh	39753	30095
6.	Goa	3840	3522
7.	Gujarat	86523	83978
8.	Haryana	45662	34480
9.	Himachal Pradesh	14690	12073
10.	J&K	68125	59209
11.	Jharkhand	26467	28766
12.	Karnataka	62747	52052
13.	Kerala	46626	43544
14.	Madhya Pradesh	76365	76365
15.	Maharashtra	161697	153628
16.	Manipur	17361	14251
17.	Meghalaya	10227	8930
18.	Mizoram	9000	7369
19.	Nagaland	12219	11947
20.	Orissa	45156	38752

1	2	3	4
21.	Punjab	71927	71927
22.	Rajasthan	71937	65388
23.	Sikkim	4070	3666
24.	Tamil Nadu	98746	84240
25.	Tripura	25116	20302
26.	Uttar Pradesh	166975	152933
27.	Uttarakhand	17839	13527
28.	West Bengal	94071	80571
29.	A&N Islands	2901	2745
30.	Chandigarh	4209	4063 '
31.	D&N Haveli	241	217
32.	Daman & Diu	245	222
33.	Delhi	62420	56433
34.	Lakshadweep	349	310
35.	Puducherry	2507	2106
	TOTAL (ALL-INDIA):	1574202	1406021

Statement-11

Details of police population ratio in lndia as well as in other countries

SI.No.	Country	Police personnel per 1 lakh population (2002)
1	2	3
1.	Albania	381
2.	Australia	304
3.	Austria	305
4.	Azerbaijan	402
5.	Belgium	358
6.	Bolivia	220
7.	Canada	186
8.	Chile	193
9.	Costa Rica	257
10.	Croatia	446
11.	Cyprus	618
12.	Czech Republic	458
13.	Denmark	192
14.	England & Wales #	210

1	2	3
15.	Finland	160
16.	Germany	303
17.	Hungary	287
18.	Italy	559
19.	Japan	182
20.	Kuwait	1116
21.	Latvia	442
22.	Maldives	105
23.	Mexico	492
24.	Morocco	142
25.	Myanmar	141
26.	Nepal	193
27.	Netherlands	212
28.	New Zealand	182
29.	Northern Ireland	591
30.	Panama	519
31.	Philippines	141
32.	Poland	259
33.	Portugal	450
34.	Romania	208
35.	Scotland	302
36.	South Africa	224
37.	Sweden	181
38.	Switzerland	204
39.	United Kingdom	258
40.	USA	326
41.	Uruguay	541
42.	Venezuela	16
43.	India	126**

as in 2001.

on 31.12.2006.